

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652:N/A  
TAGS: MPOL, MNUC, UR, AU  
SUBJECT: KREISKY REPLY TO BREZHNEV ON NEUTRON BOMB

REF: VIENNA 709

1. MFA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT CHANCELLOR KREISKY, IN LETTER  
OF MARCH 6 DELIVERED IN MOSCOW MARCH 16, REPLIED TO  
PRESIDENT BREZHNEV'S JANUARY 6 LETTER ON NEUTRON BOMB.  
VIENNA'S COMMUNIST PAPER ("VOLKSSTIMME") OF MARCH 19  
DENOUNCED REPLY AS "EVASIVE" AND "THREADBARE."

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2. SEMI-OFFICIAL "WIENER-ZEITUNG" OF MARCH 19 PROVIDED  
FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF KREISKY RESPONSE: IT EXPRESSED GOA'S  
CONCERN OVER STATUS OF ARMAMENTS IN WORLD AND RECALLED  
AUSTRIA'S LONG-STANDING OPPOSITION TO MASS ANNIHILATION  
WEAPONS OF ANY KIND. ON NEUTRON BOMB, IT POINTED OUT THAT  
AUSTRIA LACKED SCIENTIFIC PREREQUISITES FOR ASSESSMENT OF  
ALL ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR ARMAMENT AND COULD THEREFORE NOT

EVALUATE IMPACT OF SUCH WEAPONS ON BALANCE OF FORCES IN GLOBAL OR REGIONAL TERMS. (THIS WAS CITED AS REASON AUSTRIA HAD NEVER EXPRESSED POSITION ON NUCLEAR ARMS IN EITHER PACT SYSTEM.) RESPONSE ALSO UNDERLINED THAT AUSTRIA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE TREATY, HAD NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN PLANS FOR NUCLEAR ARMAMENT BUT HAD -- WITH DUE REGARD FOR EXISTING BALANCE OF POWER AND LEGITIMATE SECURITY NEEDS OF ALL CONCERNED -- ALWAYS SUPPORTED MOVES IN UN AND CSCE WHICH PROMISED TO PROMOTE MUTUAL TRUST AND END QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE ARMS RACE.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT RESPONSE REFLECTS VIEWS KREISKY EXPRESSED TO BREZHNEV DURING THEIR FEBRUARY MEETING IN MOSCOW. EMBASSY HAS ASKED MFA FOR COPY OF TEXT OF KREISKY'S LETTER, WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED IF AVAILABLE. BORG

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